GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have formulated any strategy for setting up more units of Indian Medicine System by public sector for their employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of the units of Indian Medicine System functioning at present in various PSUs in comparison to allopathy system; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase use of Indian System of Medicine at various levels?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) & (b) This Department is not aware of any such policy.

(c) Such data is not available with the Department. However, at present, 349 ISM dispensaries are functioning under Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Labor and Ministry of Coal, for their employees and employees of organizations under them.

(d) To promote and popularise the Indian System of Medicines, this Department has taken steps to
(i) Strengthen Undergraduate and Post-graduate Educational Institutes in the Systems,
(ii) Strengthen State Pharmacies and Laboratories,
(iii) Standardise Pharmacopoeia
(iv) encourage Intra-mural and extra-mural research,
(v) extend assistance for holding Conferences and Seminars and
(vi) Information Education & Communication (IEC) activities etc.